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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Delays in the Installation Schedule of the High Precision Stereo Comparator (HPSC)

25X1 1. [redacted] started installing the HPSC in the specially prepared spaces on the first floor of [redacted] 25X1 during the latter part of April 1971. The installation, check out, the preacceptance tests were scheduled to be completed by the 25th of June 1971.

25X1 2. Several delays, not attributable to [redacted] have occured in the site preparation which have seriously hampered the installation schedule.

25X1 a. Almost 3 weeks were lost when another contractor (not associated with [redacted] experienced difficulties in attaching the dash pot supports to the concrete base support.

b. Another week was lost waiting for the walls and ceiling of the Clean Room to be reinstalled after the main support and frame of the HPSC had been installed. Part of this time was lost waiting for GSA to vacuum the area for Clean Room operation.
25X1 [redacted] provided a man for this task so that installation could proceed.

c. Problems have been encountered in balancing the temperature and relative humidity of the Clean Room and electronic cabinets. The humidity is too high in the electronic cabinets for the electronics to function properly. Several days were lost during the week of 28 June due to this problem.

25X1 3. [redacted] informed me on 2 July that they have reached a point where they cannot do any further work until the Clean Room is brought within temperature and humidity specifications. It is also expected that it will take some time for the electronics to dry out after the room reaches specifications.

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4. [redacted] called the technical monitor on the PM of 2 July and informed him that work could not progress on 6 July if the room was not within specifications. [redacted] 25X1 stated that he was going to repeat this information to the West Coast Contract Office.

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5. The [redacted] contract for the HPSC is a fixed price contract. As things stand [redacted] will have a very small profit on this contract. With the delays in installation it is entirely possible that [redacted] 25X1 will seek compensation for the time lost.

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